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1. Being located in the region that has been afflicted by terrorism, Uganda is concerned by the stockpiles of nuclear waste being dumped off the Indian Ocean coast of Somalia. The nuclear and toxic dump can very easily constitute an arsenal for the terrorists in their quest for weapons of mass destruction.

2. My delegation urges vigilance on the part of IAEA to ensure that this back-door nuclear proliferation is stopped from the source. Short of this, the clean-up effort will exert a lot of pressure on the resources of the East African Coastal States. This would be particularly further destabilizing for Somalia, which is currently struggling to once again establish herself as a centrally viable State.

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